



We want to ensure all students have the best possible foundation for future ministry, lay and ordained. Theological education institutions play a vital role in this formational process, and we have provided resources below to support you in your work.

Naturally not every student is the same, and the Church's ministry and training needs continue to develop, so in addition to the standard pathways we also offer a means by which dioceses and TEs can apply for a new pathway to be accredited.

Take a look at the guidance below to find out more.

## General requirements

- [Formation criteria for ordained ministry](#)
- [Bishops' guidelines on ordination training](#)
- [Code of procedure](#)
- [Advice on context-based placements](#)

## New formation frameworks (from Autumn 2022)

TEs and dioceses are expected to use these for all ordinands beginning training in or after autumn 2022, and for new LLM / Reader candidates no later than autumn 2023. Existing candidates may be moved to the new frameworks or remain under the current formation criteria (found above). Some further documents, e.g. more detailed suggestions for curriculum, are available from the National Ministry Team. Guidance on reporting and assessment, especially for ordinands, will be produced by Summer 2022. The updated LLM / Reader framework was produced in light of the Central Readers' Council's renewed vision, 'Resourcing Sunday to Saturday Faith'.

- [LLM / Reader qualities and evidence](#)
- [IME1 Priest qualities and evidence](#)
- [IME1 Priest PIONEER qualities and evidence](#)
- [IME1 Distinctive Deacon qualities and evidence](#)

## Introducing a new pathway

We welcome applications for new training provision which contribute to entrepreneurial vision and fresh thinking.

New pathways might mean cohorts of students pursuing a new pathway within an existing formational programme, an entirely new pathway for a cohort of students within a TEI, or a pathway which is effectively part of a new form of institution.

Formal guidance and an application form are available to download below:

- [New pathways guidance](#)
- [Curriculum approval](#)
- [Candidates panel and research degrees booklet](#)

## **Ecumenical placements**

As part of preparing for ordination, you may decide to send an ordinand to take part in an ecumenical placement. Often these involve travelling abroad to spend time learning alongside other ordinands in a different context.

Such placements are a valuable way to widen horizons and deepen understanding of faith, theology, and ministry.

Find out more about the placements available:

- [International ecumenical placements](#)
- [Grants to TEIs for international ecumenical study initiatives](#)

## **The Hub: A virtual learning environment**

The Hub, separate to the Church Support Hub, is a new virtual learning environment designed to produce a go-to set of online shared resources, such as books and journals, for students studying theology, ministry or mission.

Information will be provided to you by your training institution.

Contact our [VLE/Blended Learning Officer, Ken Farrimond](#) if you have any questions.

# Quality assurance

Our quality assurance framework covers training for ordained and nationally recognised lay ministries authorised by canon. It applies to all our recognised training institutions, colleges, and regional and local courses.

Formal guidance on our quality assurance framework is available to download below:

- [Quality assurance handbook](#)
- [Annual self evaluation](#)
- [Annual self evaluation - Part A](#)
- [Annual self evaluation - Part B](#)
- [Periodic External Review criteria](#)

You can read our most recent inspection reports below:

## 2024

- [Cuddesdon - Periodic external review](#)
- [St Padarn’s Institute – Follow up report](#)
- [St Mellitus College – Periodic external review](#)

## 2023

- [Bristol LLM formation – Follow up report](#)
- [College of the Resurrection, Mirfield – Follow up report](#)
- [Wycliffe Hall – Follow up report](#)
- [Peterborough LLM formation – Follow up report](#)
- [St Augustine's College – Periodic external review](#)
- [Oak Hill College - Follow up report](#)
- [Rochester LLM formation programme – Periodic external review](#)
- [St Stephen's House – Follow up report](#)
- [Birmingham Reader Training – Periodic external review](#)
- [Bristol LLM formation - Periodic external review](#)
- [St Padarn’s Institute – Periodic external review](#)

## 2022

- [College of the Resurrection, Mirfield – Periodic external review](#)
- [Lincoln School of Theology – Follow up report](#)
- [St Stephen’s House – Periodic external review](#)
- [Peterborough LLM/Reader Training - Periodic external review](#)
- [Oak Hill College - Periodic external review](#)

## 2021

[Lincoln School of Theology - Periodic external review](#)

- [South Central TEI - Follow up report](#)
- [SWMTC - Follow up report](#)
- [Trinity College, Bristol - Follow up report](#)
- [Wycliffe Hall – Periodic external review](#)

## 2020

- [Queens - Periodic external review](#)
- [ERMC - Follow up report](#)

## 2019

- [Trinity College: Bristol Baptist College - Periodic external review](#)
- [South Central Theological Education Institution - Periodic external review](#)
- [South West Ministry Training Course and Truro Diocesan Reader Training Course - Periodic external review](#)
- [Cranmer Hall - Follow up report](#)
- [Lindisfarne - Follow up report](#)
- [St Mellitus - Follow up report](#)
- [Ridley - Periodic external review](#)
- [Westcott - Periodic external review](#)
- [YTEP - Periodic external review](#)
- [ERMC - Periodic external review](#)
- [Coventry Reader Training – Follow up report](#)
- [All Saints - Periodic external review](#)

## 2018

- [St Mellitus - Periodic external review](#)
- [Cranmer Hall - Periodic external review](#)
- [Lindisfarne - Periodic external review](#)
- [Cuddesdon - Follow up report](#)
- [St Augustine - Follow up report](#)
- [Coventry Diocesan Reader Training - Periodic external review](#)

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